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Article By Anna Louise Strong
Subject: on Position of Russians in
Dairen Area

THE HONORABLE

J. LEIGHTON STUART,

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR,

HANKING.

Sir:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

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1/ I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's telegram No. 585 of September 17, 1946 and this Consulate General's telegram No. 1161 of June 29, 1947 in regard to the activities of Anna Louise Strong, and to enclose an article by her entitled, "Russians walk Softly in Dairen", which appeared in the September 20th issue of the local American journal, CHINA WEEKLY REVIEW.

It may be recalled that, following visits in Yenan (prior to that city's capture by the Nationalists) and other points in Chinese Communist areas, Miss Strong left Shanghai for Dairen on the Soviet repatriation steamer ILITCH: spent three days (July 19-21) at Dairen; and then proceeded on the ILITCH to Vladivostok. It is understood - and presumably has already been reported to the Department - that, after a short stay in Vladivostok, during which she was hospitalized, Miss Strong was flown by the Russians from Voroshilov to north Korea.

It will be noted from the heading of the article that Miss Strong is a correspondent of TELEPRESS, which,

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did not recall the name of this paper.

it is understood, is a telegraphic affiliate of AMALD
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In response to inquiries, [REDACTED] stated that in his opinion Miss Strong is definitely a Communist and acting as a mouthpiece for Moscow. His opinion would seem to be well substantiated by the character of Miss Strong's article on Dairen. The gist of the article is that the Russians are faithfully observing the Sino-Soviet Treaty of 1945 and acting with commendable propriety and restraint in the Dairen area; while Hanking and the United States seek to sabotage the treaty and Russia's position thereunder by "tough" tactics such as the "encirclement" of Port Arthur with American bases in Tsingtao, Korea and Japan, "the blockade of all Chinese commercial shipping from Dairen by the Kuomintang Navy", and American approved demands by Hanking that Nationalist troops take over Dairen.

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[REDACTED] said that Miss Strong's writing shows the effects of her advancing age; that the material which she sent him was characterized by a sloppy style and frequent absent-minded omissions; and that the statements in her covering letter to him were so vague that he does not yet know for certain whether or not she means to send him any more articles. According to [REDACTED] the task of playing host to Miss Strong and of constantly explaining seemingly obvious matters to her became very burdensome to the Communist leaders at Yenan, and, while respecting her from a political standpoint, they were glad to have her leave.

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Respectfully yours,

Monnett B. Davis
American Consul General

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